(d) and (e) No, Sir, However, maximum permissible speed of the following trains has been increased to 110 kmph on Chennai Central-Shoranur section:—

1. 1081/1082 Kanniyakumari-Mumbai Express
2. 2007/2008 Chennai-Mysore Shatabadi Express
3. 2607/2608 Chennai-Bangalore Lalbagh Express
4. 2625/2626 New Delhi-Trivandrum Kerala Express
5. 2673/2674 Chennai-Coimbatore Cheran Express
6. 2675/2676 Chennai-Coimbatore Kovai Express
7. 2679/2680 Chennai-Coimbatore Intercity Express
8. 5011/5012 Trivandrum-Gorakhpur Raptisagar Express
9. 5221/5222 Ernakulam-Barauni Express
10. 6041/6042 Chennai-Alleppey Express
11. 6221/6222 Mysore-Chennai Kaveri Express
12. 6325/6326 Indore-TrivandrumAhilyanagari Express
13. 6327/6328 Bilaspur-Trivandrum Express
14. 652376524 Chennai-Bangalore Express
15. 6669/6670 Chennai-Erode Yercaud Express
16. 7229/7230 Kochuveli-Hyderabad Sabari Express
17. 7231 /7232 Trivandrum-Hyderabad Express

Transportation of Onion

4785. SHRI BALAVANTAZ./ASBALAPTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ad-hoc Committee of Maharashtra legislature on Onion had called on the Uniop Minister of State for Railways on November 6, 2003, to request for making special transport arrangements for Onion,

including, (i) availability of ventilated wagons; (ii) reduction in freight rates for the perishable commodity and (iii) making a railway siding available near different onion growing areas like Lasagaon, Manmad and Nasik;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) the arrangements since made for proper transportation of Onion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU):(a)Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) To facilitate loading of Onion from the State of Maharashtra, following steps have been taken:

(i) The concerned zonal railway is arranging railways wagons for loading of Onion at the earliest.

(ii) The movement of Onion is being done on priority. All demands are being met.

(iii) Adequate Railway siding facilities for loading of Onion are available at Nasik Road, lasagaon (Lasalgaon) and Manmad.

(iv) Freight rates of Onion have been reduced from Class-90 to Class-90 W1 in the Railway Budget 2005-06. Any further reduction is not feasible.

(v) Railways are providing adequate wagons for loading of Onion. However, in view of the seasonal loading of Onion, special ventilated wagons are not operationally justified as it involves additional expenditure without commensurate benefit.

Doubling of Railway lines

4786. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how far the work relating to doubling railway line of (i) Diva-Kalyan, 5th and 6th line (10.73 Kms.) ROR; (ii) Panvel-Jassai (JNPT) (28.5 Km.) ROR 20% (iii) Pakni-Solapur (16.28 Kms.) ROR-3; (iv) Almo-Mohal (17 Kms.) has progressed so far; and the cost incurred thereon; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?